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Official Time Keepers to  
NWBB Lancs & Lakes



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Welcome to all our readers.

*Voted "Volunteers of the Year 2014" by UHMB Hospitals*

## Chairman's bit:

Hi all, it has been brought to my attention that some of our riders may be a little bit confused about what our Controllers do, apparently some seem to think that when they are out on a run at night the Controller is dealing with them and them alone for the whole night. For clarification please note that there is only one Controller on duty per shift and that Controller not only dispatches riders for all of the areas, updates the spreadsheet for all areas and remains vigilant in looking after each rider until each rider is somewhere safe. This often means when we have successive runs through the night the Controller gets no sleep. Please therefore be gentle with them as they are our only link between the hospitals and the generous runs that you do.

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### Why I Became a Blood Biker

My little sister was pregnant with her first child, she experienced some discomfort in her side and with being pregnant she went to the doctors to have it checked out. The doctor was pretty certain it was gallstones, so he arranged an Ultra - sound scan to confirm his belief.

On the results of this, it was discovered that something was more of a concern, following some discussions she had to have a MRI scan, something that a pregnant woman shouldn't really

have.

Following the scan it was found she has Bowel and Liver cancer, and given a prognosis was 6 months survival without Chemo .2 years with Chemo. It was agreed that she had to start Chemo whilst pregnant....

My little niece Erin was born 15 weeks early weighing a mere 1lb 10oz.

She had numerous blood transfusions and had Donor Breast milk. Both must have been transported thru NWBBLL.

Emma has now had 11 Chemo sessions and is responding well, Her prognosis has changed as she is on a new medical Chemo regime her prognosis has been extended by 12 months, Erin came home yesterday after 22 weeks in Neonatal.

I have joined the NWBBLL to be thankful of the good work the NWBBLL do alongside the NHS.

The service is invaluable to the NHS, who then can put their much needed funds into the service they provide, simply by the NWBBLL volunteers taking time out of their lives to move items and samples and notes etc., etc., on our motorbikes.

Here are several links provided by James & Emma and I defy anyone not to get a lump in their throat:

<http://www.lep.co.uk/news/joy-and-heartbreak-of-first-time-mother-with-terminal-cancer-1-6390879>

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/2014-01-31/cancer-mums-brave-fight-for-baby/>

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/topic/erin-grandison-preston/>

<http://www.itv.com/news/granada/update/2014-04-07/cancer-mums-joy-at-bringing-baby-home/>

Heart warming isn't it, but this is what we do.  
Love & Thoughts to Emma & Erin (PB)

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### **Sad News**

Earlier this year one of our stalwart Controllers, Andy Wyeth's, mother Hazel, passed away. She was a nurse at Lancaster for many years and Andy asked for people attending the funeral for donations to go to NWBB Lancs & Lakes. This morning, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2014, I have received several cheques amounting to £1120.19 from the undertakers and a Bank transfer from Andy of £230 amounting to £1350.19 in total.

I take it upon myself on behalf of our members to thank you Andy and to express our regret and offer our condolences for your family's loss. R.I.P Hazel.

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### **Radio RPH**

Paul and Denise went to Royal Preston Hospital on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> to record an item to be played on the hospital radio. Information about NWBLL will be played on the hospital radio against the background of Bonnie Tyler's "I Need A Hero", the song dedicated to NWBLL by the Red Rosettes Choir. Preston Hospital Radio will hopefully be sending copies of this to all the other hospital radios in our area.

The DJ at Preston, Peter, is a great guy and oozing with enthusiasm for the radio. All the radios are run by volunteers and they get no pay, like us, and they struggle to get money to buy equipment, etc., so if you ever get the chance to call in to a hospital radio please do, and introduce yourself, I'm sure a brew will be offered and a chance to learn more about another group of dedicated people.

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### **Donations**

Two private donations of £20 each have been received independently this week from two ladies, one from Windermere and one from Lytham St Annes. One of the ladies asked for a poster about us that she can display in her home area and the other donated the money "to recognise – the good work done by your biker volunteers". Very humbling, as it is likely that both of these ladies are of the 'young at heart' variety'.

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### **Central Area Meeting**

Last Thursday night there was a Central area meeting in Chorley. The meeting was well attended and besides the serious bits, it gave a chance to re-meet old hands and meet new acquaintances.

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### **4,000<sup>th</sup> run within 1 year**

Absolutely amazing, you guys have really done us all proud. I bow to your good deeds. It's looking like we will reach our 5,000 runs in the 2 years we have been going very soon, as we only did 812 runs in the first year, hard to believe now.

The 4,000<sup>th</sup> run was done by John Chantry and controlled by Andy Wyeth, well done guys.

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### **Boris R.I.P.**

Following the collision between "Boris" (BMW R1150RT) and a car in Kendal last month, I have now stripped him of his B&T's and Tracker. I said a few words over him, (I'll leave those to your imagination) and left him at Carole Nash's workshop.

Boris was our first purchased liveried bike, and although he had some quirks served us proudly. Okay enough of this rubbish let's move on.

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## Events

18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday, B&Q at Blackpool. – busiest day of the year for D.I.Y. maniacs ☺  
Volunteers for collecting required, (Speak to Lee)

12<sup>th</sup> April – Paranormal Night at Morecambe Winter Gardens, Contact Angela Williams.

12<sup>th</sup> April – Hand over of new Triumph at Youles at Blackburn.

12<sup>th</sup> April – Al Boyle, Denise Brooks & John Griffin receiving a cheque from South Fylde group of Lodges at Poulton-le-Fylde.

**27<sup>th</sup> April – AGM at the Masonic Hall, Cunliffe Street, Chorley.**

3<sup>rd</sup> May – 10:00 ASDA Bolton - volunteers for collecting required.

12<sup>th</sup> May – Paul & Denise giving talk to Ladies group at Whittle-le-Woods

13<sup>th</sup> May – 3 Sisters Track day = all welcome.

15<sup>th</sup> May – Management meeting at Hartwood Hall, Chorley.

17<sup>th</sup> May – Morrison's of Chorley Bag Packing – Volunteers required, contact Campbell.

23<sup>rd</sup> May – 19:00 Comedy night at St Chads, Whittle le Woods – tickets from Paul Brooks

24<sup>th</sup> May – 09:30 Collection at Clayton Le Woods ASDA – volunteers for collecting required

**18th – 21st April - Easter and we need plenty of riders on the spreadsheet to cover the 4 days of the Bank Holiday.**

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## School Kids?

The teacher gave her fifth grade class an assignment: Get their parents to tell them a story with a moral at the end of it. The next day, the kids came back and, one by one, began to tell their stories.

There were all the regular types of stuff: spilled milk and pennies saved. But then the teacher

realized, much to her dismay, that only Janie was left.

"Janie, do you have a story to share?" "Yes miss. My daddy told me a story about my Mummy. She was a Marine pilot in Desert Storm, and her plane got hit. She had to bail out over enemy territory, and all she had was a flask of whiskey, her service .45 cal. automatic, and a survival knife." "She drank the whiskey on the way down so the bottle wouldn't break, and then her parachute landed her right in the middle of 20 Iraqi troops. She shot 15 of them with the pistol, until she ran out of bullets, killed four more with the knife, 'til the blade broke, and then she killed the last Iraqi with her bare hands."

"Good Heavens," said the horrified teacher. "What did your Daddy tell you was the *moral* to this horrible story?" "Don't mess with Mommy when she's been drinking." I love these touching stories, don't you?

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## Another Ditty (by Anon)

Whether rain or shine, hot or cold,  
I do my best to be ever so bold.  
I am not a hero or superman  
I just do whatever I can.

In our spare time we all have a hobby  
A Lifeboat man or part-time Bobby  
I could play golf or maybe a hiker  
But I'm proud to say that I'm a Blood Biker.

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## Something to make you smile or laugh out loud

<http://biggeekdad.com/2010/12/blackberry-not-working/#.Uzg0TMplKDM.gmail>

That's all for this week folks: Take care and remember, "NO JOURNEY IS SO URGENT TO PUT YOUR OWN LIFE AT RISK".

*Paul*

North West Blood Bikes Lancs & Lakes  
Present

VOLUNTEERS WHO CARE

# COMEDY NIGHT

LIVE AT 7PM FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2014



Our next ride may save a life, could it be yours?

Come along to our fundraising Comedy Night at St Chad's Club, Whittle-le-Woods on Friday 23rd May 2014.

Tickets only £20 pp - all proceeds going to NWBB Lancs & Lakes.



Hot pot supper available. Entertainment by Fungus & The Bogeyman.

**CONTACT: SUE AT ST CHAD'S OR PAUL AT NWBB LANCS & LAKES**

**TEL: 07710 951159**



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Please help us carry on helping the NHS to save money which can be better spent on patient care.

Tickets now available.